

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Xia et al.  
Application No. : 10/812,543  
Filed : March 29, 2004  
Title : ZINC PRESERVATIVE COMPOSITION AND METHOD OF USE  
Group/Art Unit : 1612  
Conf. No. : 3425  
Docket No. : P03459

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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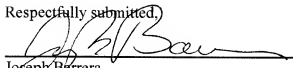
Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated March 20, 2008, the Examiner required restriction between groups of inventions: Claims 1, 6-8, 13, and 25-27 (Group I); and Claims 29, 35-37, and 40-44 (Group II). Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II for further examination without traverse. Accordingly, Claims 1, 6-8, 13, and 25-27 directed to the invention of Group I are withdrawn.

With respect to the Examiner's request for an election of species as to claims 13 and 43, Applicants elect non-steroidal and steroidal anti-inflammatories.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications at an appropriate future time. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing election.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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